



A PROCLAMATION,

For offering the Band obliging Heretors and Masters for their Tenents and Servants,
in some shires.



CHARLES, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith,
To Our Lovits, Macers or Messengers
at Arms, Greeting; Forasmuch as upon consideration of frequent Rebellious Field-Conventicles, and
other Insolencies and Disorders in several Shires of this Kingdom, We by Our Letter of the eleventh
of December last, did authorize Our Privy Council to use such means, and take such courses as might be
effectual for securing Our Peace, and quieting these Disorders; And particularly, We did require them
to cause Heretors, Liferenters, and Masters give Bands for their Tenents, Servants, and others in manner
therein express: And in pursuance of these Our Commands, a Band was drawnen, which by a Committee
of Our Privy Council hath been offered to the Heretors in some Western and other Shires of this Kingdom, which were
most infested with these irregularities, conform to the power and instructions given to that Committee: And to the end such In-
solencies and disorders so expressly prohibited by Law, and tending so much to Sedition and Disturbance of the Publick
Peace, may be prevented in other places of the Kingdom, We with advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, have
thought fit, That the foresaid Band, obliging Heretors, Liferenters and Masters, for their Tenents, Servants and others
therein mentioned, shall be offered to the whole Heretors and Liferenters of the Shires of Edinburgh, Haddington, Linlithgow,
Peebles, Berwick, and Selkirk, to be subscribed by them: Our Will is herefore, and we charge you that incontinent these Our
Letters seen, ye pass to the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and other places needful, and there in Our Name and Authority you
strictly command and charge the whole Heretors and Liferenters within the Shires above-named, and Jurisdictions within
these shires to meet and conveen upon the dayes and at the places respectively following, viz, These of the shire of Edin-
burgh at the town of Edinburgh, within the new Session-House, upon the nineteenth day of March instant; These of the
shire of Haddington at the burgh of Haddington, the twentie day; These of the shire of Linlithgow at the burgh of Linlith-
gow, the twentie one day; These of the shire of Peebles at the burgh of Peebles, upon the twentie two day; These of the
shire of Berwick at Dunc, upon the twentie sixth day; And these of the shire of Selkirk at the burgh of Selkirk, upon the
twentie eighth of this instant: And they being met upon the dayes respectively foresaid, that the Sheriff principal, or in
case of his absence his Deputes, do offer the foresaid Band for securing the peace to the whole Heretors and Liferenters of
the shire to be subscribed by them; and that the Sheriff also subscribe the same himself: Certifying such Heretors and
Liferenters as shall be absent, or being present shall refuse to subscribe the said Band, they shall be charged with Letters
of Lawborrowes, conform to the Act of Our Privy Council, of the fourteenth of February last. And to the end,
Our said service may be the more effectually prosecute, We hereby require the Heretors and others foresaid, to repair to
their saids shires, and attend the dyets foresaid, as they will be answerable upon their highest perill. And We ordain the
Sheriffs of the said shires and their Deputes, to cause intimate this Our Proclamation at the several paroch Kirks of the shires
upon the Sunday immedately preceeding the dyet of meeting, that none may pretend ignorance thereof: And that they return
to Our Privy Council an account of their diligence in the premisses, with the Bands signed by the Heretors, and the Names of
those who shall be absent, or refuse to subscribe the same. The which to do We committ to you conjunctly and severally,
Our full power by these Our Letters, to be by you duely execute and indorsed again to the Bearer, And ordains these pre-
sents to be Printed. Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, the thirteenth day of March, 1678. years, and of Our Re-
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the thirtieth year.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

GOD save the KING.

Al. Gibson, Cls. Sti. Concilii.

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